

March 14, 2002

REGIONALISM AD HOC
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. **RESOLVED**, that the following items are hereby received and filed.

Item Page -2001 (Comm. 14M-11)
a. **CITY OF TONAWANDA:** Letter to Chairman Swanick Requesting Funds for
Transfer of Water Delivery System to ECWA.
(5-0)

Item Page -2001 (Comm. 17M-15)
b. **STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO:** Copy of Letter to
DEP Re: WNY REDD Workplan Progress Report Attached.
(5-0)

Item Page -2001 (Comm. 20M-10)
c. **ERIE NIAGARA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP:** Report of Activity.
(5-0)

2. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 6E-10)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County is a major recipient of inexpensive power from the
Niagara Power Project that directly supports in excess of 50,000 regional manufacturing
jobs; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's businesses and residents enjoy the economic benefits
of this resource and view this power allocation as essential to their future economic well
being; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Power Project is a regional asset that should be
expanded to benefit the citizens of Western New York first; and

WHEREAS, Erie County and Niagara County wish to enter into an intermunicipal
cooperation agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with Niagara County for
Niagara Power Project Relicensing Consensus Committee Initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an
intermunicipal cooperation agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with Niagara
County for Niagara Power Project Relicensing Consensus Committee Initiatives, and be
it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$50,000 is hereby transferred from the Regionalism/Economic Development Fund (DAC 110 9043038301299) to a new subaccount under Account 830, Contractual Agencies, in the budget of the Department of Environment and Planning, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County fully endorses the alternative relicensing process as a means to expedite the New York Power Authority's license to operate the Niagara Power Project and to further the long-term economic interests of Erie County and the region, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Director of Budget, Management and Finance; Laurence K. Rubin, Commissioner of Environment and Planning; Michael Raab, Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; and Gregory J. Dudek, Assistant County Attorney.
(5-0)

BARRY A. WEINSTEIN, M.D.
CHAIRMAN